Financial Allocation for Development of Tourism in Kerala

935. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of financial allocation for the development of various tourism promotion projects in Kerala during 1993-94 and 1994-95 ; and

(b) the time frame for completion of various projects ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Governments for specific proposals which are sanctioned subject to their merits, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. No complete proposals have been received from the State Government of Kerala for sanction during current financial year. The State Government of Kerala have not identified any projects in this regard for 1994-95.

(b) Completion of the projects in the responsibility of the State Governments.

Flights operated by IA and Private Airlines in the country

936. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) how many flights are operating within the country ;

(b) how many of them are owend by Indian Airlines and other private airlines ;

(c) how many scheduled flights are there per day ; and

(d) how many passengers are travelling by each flight ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Indian Airlines operates on an average 122 scheduled flights per day within the country. There are 17 Air Taxi permit holders who have been allowed to provide non-scheduled and/or charter services in the domestic sector.

According to the available information, in October, 1993 Indian Airlines carried 5.76 lakh passengers and the Air Taxi Operators 2.14 lakh passengers.

Grounding of aircrafts by Vayudoot

937. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot has grounded more than half of its aircrafts ;

(b) what are the reasons for grounding of aircrafts when there is a demand for resuming air-services at Hubli and other airports in Karnataka ; and

(c) by when air services at Hubli will be resumed ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of 8 Avro and 8 Dornier aircraft, 1 Avro and 2 Dornier aircraft are at present operational. Rest are grounded for major inspections/checks/repairs.

(c) Due to commercial and operational reasons Vayudoot has no immediate plans to resume operation to Hubli.

Demand for pay and allowances by pilots of Vayudoot

938. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the pilots of Vayudoot Limited are demanding pay and allowances at par with the Indian Airlines pilots ;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to this demand ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pending completion of legal formalities for merger, Vayudoot continues to be